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Developments and Significant Changes in Estimates:

1. The Guided Missile Branch has submitted its formal contribution (IP-634) to the ONE paper on requirements for the NESC. The contribution pointed out that the programs developed by the Ad Hoc Groups implied conditions which very nearly conflicted with the governing assumptions of the entire study. As a result of these findings and other considerations raised at the USIB representatives meetings, several major changes in the programs were made. The Branch has recalculated its estimates of costs and has submitted its findings to ONE informally; a formal supplement to the IP will be prepared by 13 October. These changes in the NESC programs have delayed the completion of the military costs contribution to the Analysis Division for NIE 11-4-58.

2. The Guided Missile Branch is preparing a briefing for the Chairman, COMEC, for presentation to the CCPC and possibly the NSC. The paper will analyze in some detail the major problems affecting the collection of intelligence on Soviet production of guided missiles.

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Relationships with Other Components:

6. The Agency has had considerable difficulty in getting from AFICIN certain reports and photographs affecting Soviet aircraft.

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17. It is anticipated that an invitation will be extended to one or more members of the Guided Missile Branch to attend a two-day orientation program on the entire Jupiter missile system. This program will be presented at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, in the latter part of October.

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19. It is recommended that efforts be intensified to locate and obtain the services of two qualified officers to replace [REDACTED] 25X1  
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